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CIA-Student Controversy Called 'Tempest-In-Teapot' By Leader

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Tim Britton, a leader of the National Student Association (NSA) at UNC-C, thinks that controversy over Central Intelligence Agency donations to the student organization is a tempest in a teapot.

"I can't say whether or not the CIA has donated funds to the NSA or not," Britton said Wednesday, "but the organization is basically designed to look after students and will accept help from anyone willing to contribute."

The UNC-C senior is presi-

dent of the student government and was instrumental in bringing NSA affiliation to the Charlotte campus.

Even if the CIA has aided the student organization, he added, "I don't think the CIA was trying to infiltrate the NSA, because I personally feel that the association wouldn't accept a donation from the CIA with strings attached."

Britton said that if Congress decided to investigate the CIA's role in the NSA, as several liberal Congressmen have suggested, "they would probably find other questionable donors."

"But then again, they're probably questionable donors to the Democratic Party," he said.

The issue is not who gives money to the association, but what that money is used for, Britton said.

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